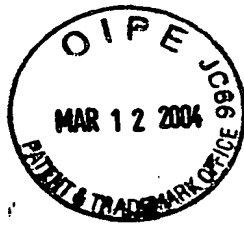


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Applicant: Riley et al.  
 Serial No.: 10/760,653  
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	39	35	4	\$18	\$72
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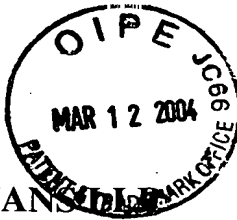
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